

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 27-30 are pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the teleconference of December 11, 2008, during which the Examiner indicated that amendments to Claims 1 and 15, would render those claims and all claims depending therefrom allowable. The Examiner has indicated that the above amendments are in accord with that discussion and that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 27-30 are also being canceled without prejudice to further prosecution of these claims in, for example, a continuing application.

After present claim amendments and cancellations, Claims 1-22 now remain pending in the application. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the above amendments, please contact Applicants' representative at the below contact number.

Respectfully submitted,

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